

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) A communication apparatus comprising:
means for connecting to a computer network;
means for connecting to a public telephone network;
facsimile reception means for receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;
returning means for returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;
first instruction reception means for receiving an instruction generated based on said message returned by said returning means;
second instruction reception means for receiving an instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of the instruction by said first instruction reception means;
conversion means for converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;
processing means for processing the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception means without performing the converting by said conversion means in a case where said second instruction reception means receives the instruction; and
transmission means for transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion means in accordance with the instruction received by said instruction by one of said first and said second reception means.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said returning means return the response message as voice guidance information.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said instruction reception means receives the instruction by a tone signal.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the tone signal is a DTMF signal.

47-55. (Canceled)

56. (Previously Presented) A method for a communication apparatus comprising:
connecting to a computer network;
connecting to a public telephone network;
receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;
returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;
receiving first instruction generated based on said message returned by a returning means;
receiving second instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of said first instruction received by said first instruction reception step;
converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;
processing the facsimile image data received by a facsimile reception means without performing the converting by said conversion step in a case where said second instruction reception step receives the instruction; and
transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion step in accordance with the instruction received by one of said first and said second instruction reception step.

57. (Previously Presented) A computer program for a communication apparatus comprising:
computer readable program code means for connecting to a computer network;

computer readable program code means for connecting to a public telephone network;
computer readable program code means for receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for receiving first instruction generated based on said message returned by a returning means;

computer readable program code means for receiving second instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of said first instruction received by said first instruction reception code means;

computer readable program code means for converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;

computer readable program code means for processing the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception code means without performing the converting by said conversion code means in a case where said second instruction reception code means receives the instruction; and

computer readable program code means for transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion means in accordance with the instruction received by one of said first and said second instruction reception code means.

58-59. (Canceled)